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The Honorable Stansfield Turner
Central Intelligence Agency
Langley, Virginia 20505

Attention: Office of Legislative Counsel

Dear Admiral Turner:

The General Accounting Office has begun a review of the effectiveness of the provisions for internationally protected persons and property (IPP&P). These provisions arise from the requirements and obligations established in international law and conventions, bilateral agreements, and national laws, such as the Protection of Foreign Diplomats Act, insofar as they seek to limit the exposure of IPP&P to terrorists acts.

We are going to focus on the readiness of U.S. Embassies to cope with terrorist actions; on the experience and capability of the host country in this regard and its support of the embassy; as well as on the capability of those U.S. organizations which are involved in the provisions of support to foreign missions and IPP&P in the U.S.

We believe we will need to work closely with those people in the Central Intelligence Agency who have experience in counter terrorist operations; know about terrorist organizations, methods, objectives, targets and effectiveness and particularly the specifics of some of the incidents which have impacted on IPP&P.

Mr. Joseph DiGiorgio is the Assistant Director in charge of this assignment. He will be making arrangements for meetings and data necessary in the course of this review. Should you have any questions, he can be reached at 275-5857.

Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Conahan
Assistant Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Contact by Official of the US
General Accounting Office

1. Mr. Joseph DiGiorgio of the Security & International Relations Branch, International Division, General Accounting Office (GAO) telephoned this date. He explained that he was working on an HR (House of Representatives?) project to determine the effectiveness of the present body of laws and conventions covering "internationally protected people." He was seeking statistical information on international terrorist incidents involving US citizens and foreign diplomats, and wanted a statement on related CIA responsibilities.

2. Mr. DiGiorgio has been in touch with both Ambassador Heyward Isham (Chairman of the NSC/SCC Interagency Working Group) and Mr. Victor Dikeos (DAS for Security) at the State Department, and had been referred to [redacted] CIA/NFAC/ORPA. It appears that DiGiorgio wants to make use of [redacted] unclassified ITERATE computer data base on international terrorist incidents. [redacted] referred DiGiorgio to me before making any commitment, particularly since (as I subsequently learned from [redacted]) he seemed to have much broader questions in mind on CIA's past and present responsibilities concerning terrorism.

3. Mr. DiGiorgio told me that "a letter was in process to Admiral Turner" covering this work project. He wants to come over and talk to at least [redacted] and myself as early as Monday, 13 February -- obviously well ahead of the arrival of any letter.

4. A telephone call has been placed to the SA/EO/O's office requesting guidance on handling this approach.

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